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ABSTRACT

This book focuses on encouraging children to see the value in developing values, not because of any current fashion or political trend, but because honesty, empathy, integrity, and other core values are necessary to form the confident and capable good neighbors, teachers, businesspeople, politicians, and clergy of tomorrow. The book assumes that each individual wants to be a person of good character. It teaches children how to recognize a situation or choice, weigh the options, think it through, and make a decision that is right for them and those around them. Divided into 28 chapters, each focusing on a value like integrity, respect, citizenship, honesty, leadership, and responsibility, the book challenges readers to think about positive character traits, encouraging them to understand themselves and their role in the world around them. Each chapter poses character dilemmas to spark discussion and debate, and helps children explore what they stand for--with suggested activities to try at school, at home, and in their community. The book also guides young readers to a wide array of additional resources such as related books, organizations, programs, and Web sites. Contains reproducible pages. (BT)

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